
A New Name for an Indian *Memecylon* (Melastomataceae)

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ABSTRACT. A new name, *Memecylon balakrishnanii*, is proposed for a species of *Memecylon* described by Balakrishnan & Nair.

Balakrishnan & Nair (1983) described the new species *Memecylon collinum* from Saddle Peak, North Andaman Island, India (holotype, *N. P. Balakrishnan & N. G. Nair* 4764 A, CAL; isotypes, 4764 B-D, PBL). The name is occupied by *M. collinum* Jacques-Félix (1979) from Gabon and Cameroon (holotype, *N. Halle* 3587, P). Thus, *M. collinum* N. P. Balakrishnan & N. G. Nair is a later homonym and illegitimate. A new name is required for the species described by Balakrishnan and Nair (ICBN, Art. 64.1; Greuter et al., 1988). This species is renamed after N. P. Balakrishnan, for his outstanding contributions to plant systematics in India.

Memecylon balakrishnanii P. Lakshminarasimhan & S. P. Mathew, nom. nov. *Memecylon*

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